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SUBJ: ALLEGED DEFECTION ANYANYA BATTALION TO ETHIOPIA

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- 1. STRONGLY SUSPECT FRENCH MILATT REPORT (REFTEL) ACTUALLY BASED ON MUTINY EARLY LAST MARCH ONE BATTALION SOUTHERN SUDANESE TROOPS AT AKOBO, NEAR ETHIOPIAN FRONTIER IN UPPER NILE PROVINCE (KHARTOUM 0543, NOTAL. IT WAS LATER REPORTED HERE BY GOS SOURCES THAT PERHAPS SOME 30 MUTINEERS HAD "TAKEN TO BUSH". THESE MAY WELL BE THOSE REPORTEDLY BEING ARMED BY ETHIOPIA BUT WE ARE INCLINED QUESTION WHETHER ANYTHING LIKE FULL "ANYANYA BATTALION" INVOLVED.
- 2. ON MARGIN RECENT COMMENTS IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA REGARDING ARRIVAL "SUDANESE REFUGEES" IN GAMBELLA AREA, PRESS HERE HAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT NIMEIRI WILL LEAVE KHARTOUM CONFIDENTIAL

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JULY 11 FOR TEN-DAY TOUR EQUATORIA PRIVINCE. WHILE NIMEIRI

IS ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, VISIT HAS BEEN IN MILL FOR WEEKS (KHARTOUM A-69 6-30-75) AND IS, WE BELIEVE, UNRELATED TO FOREGOING. NIMEIRI IS, HOWEVER, STARTING TRIP SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED AND WILL OF COURSE, WHILE IN JUBA, HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOROUGH REVIEW WITH VICE PRESIDENT ALIER AND OTHER SOUTHERN REGION AUTHORITIES OF WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AKOBO AREA ON UPPER NILE. LOCAL REPORTS SUGGEST TRIP MAY AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR NIMEIRI MAKE NUMBER OF CHANGES IN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP OF SUTHERN REGION.

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